



Meeting Minutes

Advisory Commission on Disabilities

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Wednesday, February 6, 2019

6:30 PM

Meeting Room A

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**A. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

- Present**     **9**   Briggs, Stark, Elegant, Fumagalli, Siddiqui, Hinterlong (Council Rep), Harbath (Student), Kee (Student), O'Grady (Student)
- Absent**     **2**   Baumgartner, Heyden

Commissioner Siddiqui introduced himself to the commission members and took a moment to provide some personal background and his motivations for joining the commission. He indicated that he looks forward to working with the commissioners and staff in the future.

**B. PUBLIC FORUM**

Bradford Miller. Mr. Miller introduced himself and announced that he is a candidate for City Council. Unfortunately, due to other commitments, he would not be able to stay for the meeting.

Cindi Swanson. Ms. Swanson first thanked Amy Emory for her years of participation in the ACD. She spoke about the City of Aurora is using a program called SNAP. People with certain disabilities are more susceptible to having bad interactions with police. SNAP is a program that builds relationships between those people and the police. Ms. Swanson indicated that she would like to see a cultural change for the disabled in the community and thinks that SNAP would go a long way toward that goal.

The commission discussed the program and how it is similar to an existing state initiative. There was also discussion of how it would be beneficial to reach out to Aurora and other municipalities to learn more of what they do. The student representatives suggested taking elements of the best programs and possibly incorporating a plan into the existing smart 911 system, There was concurrence that working in cooperation with other agencies would be beneficial.

**A motion was made by Chairman Briggs, seconded by Fumagalli, to direct staff to look into SNAPP and other similar community programs in the area and provide that information to the ACD for a recommendation on implementing such a program in Naperville. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

**C. REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Approve the meeting notes of the November 7, 2018 meeting of the Advisory Commission on Disabilities

There were no corrections proposed to the meeting minutes.

**A motion was made by Stark, seconded by Elegant, to approve the regular meeting minutes of the November 7, 2018 meeting of the ACD. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

2. Commission Discussion: ADA parking spaces in the Central Business District.

Peter Zibble, city staff liaison to the commission, provided background information about the current parking situation in the downtown. Commissioner Fumagalli asked about parking at the Metra station, but the information was not provided in the memo. Chairman Briggs inquired about how many on-street parking spaces are parallel vs. angled and indicated that a better distribution in the downtown may be appropriate. Councilman Hinterlong suggested that additional spaces may be provided when streetscape improvements are made. He also acknowledged that the aging population will likely create a greater demand for spaces. Ms. Harbath suggested the option of providing ADA spaces only during certain times of the day based on demand. The commission discussed that the number of spaces is one consideration and the distribution is another.

**A motion was made by Chairman Briggs, seconded by Stark, to request staff to reassess its current guidelines related to ADA parking and determine how the city can provide more consistent distribution of parking spaces in downtown Naperville. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

3. Staff Report: Changes to the Illinois Accessibility Code regarding ADA parking space design and proposed City of Naperville approach.

Mr. Zibble provided background information about the change to the Illinois Accessibility Code which now allows two ADA parking spaces to share a common aisle space for 90-degree parking spaces. He indicated that the Transportation Team still believes that a dedicated aisle for each parking space is valuable. Providing dedicated aisles allows the motorist to park as needed to have better access on either the driver's side or the passenger side. As such, the city will continue to enforce the local design standard that requires an aisle for each space. Mr. Zibble noted that in situations where an aisle may not be reasonable accommodated for each space, staff would reserve the right to issue an administrative variance to the city requirement so long as the IAC requirements are met. The commission discussed this approach and had no objections. Cindi Swanson also voiced her support of the issue.

On a related matter, Councilman Hinterlong indicated concern about certain parking lots where the accessible spaces do not appear to be the closest to the doors or are otherwise impeded by obstructions.

**A motion was made by Chairman Briggs, seconded by Stark, to direct staff to investigate options to implement guidelines that avoid parking spaces that have impediments to access. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**

4. Staff Report: Granicus Legistar, public meeting management software being implemented by the city.

Mr. Zibble discussed how the city uses a software program called Legistar to manage the agendas, items, and minutes for nearly all of the Board and Commission meetings, and indicated that he would like to move the Advisory Commission for Disabilities agendas into that system as well. Legistar provides better public access through the city web site to files for past and upcoming meetings. He also indicated that Legistar has made improvements recently to make their site accessible for screen readers. Mr. Zibble asked that the commission members open other meetings on the system and let him know if there were any issues accessing the material.

There was general consensus among the commission members was that Legistar would be a positive step forward, and Mr. Zibble said that he would start working on getting it implemented for the ACD.

5. Accessible Community Task Force Update.

Commissioner Stark provided an updated from the ACTF. She discussed the Adult Service and Support Provider Fair that will be hosted by the ACTF and the local school districts on February 27, 2019. She discussed updates to the ACTF web pages on the city web site and the success of the Next Door Neighbor website to address concerns and disseminate information. The revised goals/project list for the ACTF has been distributed and the sub-committees will be referred to as focus groups. The task force will be discussing forming a focus group to look at improving police/citizen relationships. Finally, Commissioner Stark indicated that the task force will be coordinating with the Housing Advisory Commission regarding the addition of the individuals with disabilities as a stakeholder in the definition of attainable and affordable housing at the 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue Development.

#### **D. OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Hinterlong indicated that the fence that was blocking the sidewalk at the new Starbuck's on Ogden Ave had been removed.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS**

There were no items discussed.

#### **F. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Chairman Briggs, seconded by Fumagalli, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.**